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The Honorable Robert E. Hampton, Chairman
Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C. 20415

Dear Bob:

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[redacted] a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Army, is currently employed by the Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President. At the time of his employment there, the Civil Service Commission, in accordance with section 550.603 of its regulations, approved an exception to the restrictions in section 5532(b), Title 5, United States Code.

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We are considering bringing [redacted] to this Agency as Assistant Deputy Director for Science and Technology. This position has heavy responsibilities in the most advanced fields of technical intelligence, in the administration of the highly skilled professional and technical staff, and in the complex programs which that office administers.

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The previous incumbent was lost to private industry, with which we find we cannot compete from the point of view of financial rewards. Prior to and since his departure, we have made an intensive search for a qualified replacement. Very few individuals have such qualifications, and [redacted] is the only one we have found to date who has them in a high degree and is also willing to continue to serve the Government in this capacity. His technical depth, his ability to organize and work effectively with groups of people, and his experience in dealing with senior Government officers make him uniquely qualified for the position. His knowledge of the intelligence community, its problems and complexities, will provide us with expertise difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate.

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I believe the same circumstances which justified the exception to the restrictions in [redacted] present position would pertain to the Assistant Deputy Director position in this Agency. I, therefore, request that the Civil Service Commission continue the exception upon [redacted] transfer to this Agency.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director